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How Do I...Change My Address With USCIS?



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The law requires nearly all non-U.S. Citizens¹ to report a change of address within 10 days of moving and also requires permanent residents and U.S. Citizens who have financially sponsored another person who has immigrated to the U.S. to report a change of address. There are different forms that must be used to report changes of address. Abiding by these legal requirements and completing the necessary forms does not update the address on any pending cases. This must be done separately through other methods. Below, we describe how and when certain customers must and/or should report a change of address to USCIS.

U.S. Citizens

As a United States (U.S.) citizen, you are only required to update your address with USCIS if you have ever submitted a **Form I-864, Affidavit of Support**, to be the financial sponsor of someone so they can immigrate. You are required by law to tell us of any change of address within 30 days of your move by filing a **Form I-865, Sponsor's Notice of Change of Address**. You can download the I-865 and instructions from our website.

If You are a U.S. Citizen and You Have a Case Pending with USCIS

Even though it is not required by law, if you have filed any other application or petition with us and it is still pending a decision, you will want to keep us informed of any change of address so you can get any notices or decisions from us. For more information about the best way to notify us of an address change on a pending case, please see our website, or call customer service at **1-800-375-5283**.

If You are a U.S. Citizen and You Have an Approved Relative Petition

If you filed a **Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative**, to help a relative get permanent resident status and we have approved it, and if you or the person you are sponsoring move, you should follow the instructions on the approval notice concerning who to notify about the change of address and how to do it.

Permanent Residents

If you are a permanent resident, you are required by law to notify us of your change of address within 10 days after moving to a new address. To notify us of your change of address, you must file a **Form AR-11, Change of Address Form**.

If You are a Permanent Resident and You Have Financially Sponsored Someone Who Has Immigrated

In addition to the **Form AR-11**, if you have ever submitted a **Form I-864, Affidavit of Support**, to be the financial sponsor of someone who became a permanent resident as a result of that sponsorship, you are also required by law to inform us of any change of address within 30 days after your move by filing a **Form I-865, Sponsor's Notice of Change of Address**. You can download the **Form I-865** and instructions from our website.

If You are a Permanent Resident and You Have a Case Pending with USCIS

Even though it is not required by law, if you have filed any application or petition with us and it is still pending a decision, you will want to keep us informed of any change of address so you can get any notices or decisions from us. For more information about the best way to notify us of an address change on a pending case, please see our website, or call customer service at **1-800-375-5283**. Please note, however, that providing this information telephonically does not satisfy your legal obligation to notify us of your change of address in writing on **Form AR-11**.

If You are a Permanent Resident and You Have an Approved Relative Petition

If you filed a **Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative**, to help a relative get permanent resident status and we have approved it, and if you or the person you are sponsoring move, you should follow the instructions on the approval notice concerning who and how to notify USCIS of a change of address.



All Other Customers

Most non-United States (U.S.) citizens who are in the U.S. are required by law to notify us of any change of address within 10 days after moving to a new address¹. To notify us of your change of address, you must file a **Form AR-11**, *Change of Address form*. You can get this form from our website at **uscis.gov**.

If You Have a Case Pending with USCIS

Even though it is not required by law, if you have filed any application or petition with us and it is still pending a decision, you will want to keep us informed of any change of address so you can get any notices or decisions from us. For more information about the best way to notify us of an address change on a pending case, please see our website, or call customer service at **1-800-375-5283**. Please note, however, that providing this information telephonically does not satisfy your legal obligation to notify us of your change of address in writing on Form AR-11.

¹The only persons exempt from this requirement are nonimmigrants currently in A or G status (e.g. foreign government officials and international organization aliens) and certain nonimmigrants who do not possess a visa and whose current stay in the U.S. has not exceeded or will not exceed 29 days.

Key Information

Key forms referenced in this Fact Sheet	Form #
Affidavit of Support	I-864
Sponsor's Notice of Change of Address	I-865
Petition for Alien Relative	I-130
Change of Address	AR-11

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- **On the Internet at: uscis.gov**

For more copies of this Fact Sheet, or information about other citizenship and immigration services, visit our website. You can also download forms, e-file some applications, check the status of an application, and more. It's a great place to start! If you don't have Internet access at home or work, try your library. If you can't find what you need, call customer service.

- **Customer Service: 1-800-375-5283**

- Hearing Impaired TDD Customer Service: 1-800-767-1833

Disclaimer: This Fact Sheet is a basic guide to help you become generally familiar with our rules and procedures. For more information, or the law and regulations, see our website. Immigration law can be complex, and it is impossible to describe every aspect of every process. You may wish to be represented by a licensed attorney or by a nonprofit agency accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Other U.S. Government Services—click or call

In general	www.firstgov.gov	1-800-333-4636
U.S. Department of State	www.state.gov	1-202-647-6575

